GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - AYUSH – Dr.R.Archana, the then Medical Officer, GAD Chavali I/c GAD Bhattiprolu, presently working as Medical Officer, Govt. Ayurvedic Dispensary, Thumuluru, Guntur District – Unauthorised absence during the visit by the Commissioner, Ayush Department on 04.06.2022 – Imposed Punishment of withholding of one increment of pay for (6) months with cumulative effect – Appeal petition filed – Rejected – Orders – Issued.

HEALTH, MEDICAL & FAMILY WELFARE (VC.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 586 **Dated:25.07.2023**

Read the following:

1. Progs No.5952614/Vigilance/2022, Dt: 27-10-2022 of the Commissioner, Ayush Department, AP, Vijayawada.
2. Appeal Petition of Dr.R.Archana, Medical Officer, Govt. Ayurvedic Dispensary, Thumuluru, Guntur District, Dt: 02-12-2022.
3. Remarks of the Commissioner of Ayush, A.P, Vijayawada received through the e-file Computer No. 1747807.

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Whereas, in the reference 1st read above, the Commissioner of Ayush, A.P, Vijayawada has imposed punishment of "withholding of one increment of pay for (6) months with cumulative effect" against Dr.R.Archana, the then Medical Officer, GAD Chavali I/c GAD Bhattiprolu, presently working as Medical Officer, Government Ayurvedic Dispensary, Thumuluru, Guntur District for her Unauthorised absence during the visit by the Commissioner, Ayush Department on 04.06.2022.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, Dr.R.Archana, Medical Officer, Govt. Ayurvedic Dispensary, Thumuluru, Guntur District has submitted Appeal Petition before the Government requesting to set aside the punishment of withholding of one increment of pay for (6) months with cumulative effect imposed against her vide reference 1st read above.

3. In the reference 3rd read above, the Commissioner of Ayush, A.P, Vijayawada has furnished his remarks along with relevant material on the Appeal Petition filed by Dr.R.Archana, Medical Officer, Govt. Ayurvedic Dispensary, Thumuluru, Guntur District and requested the Government to take further necessary action in the matter.

4. The issue has been examined with reference to the report furnished by the Commissioner, Ayush and material available and observed that the explanation submitted by the individual is not convincing. When she is the only person available, there is no urgency to go to Panchayat Office on the same day. That too when Commissioner, Ayush inspected two villages, she could have got the information if she is available in the village. Taking report from Sarpanch and Panchayat Secretary seems to be after thought. Further, the punishment imposed is not severe to warrant interference.

5. In view of the circumstances stated above and after examination, the Government hereby reject the appeal petition filed by Dr.R.Archana, the then Medical Officer GAD Chavali I/c GAD Bhattiprolu, present working as Medical Officer, Govt. Ayurvedic Dispensary, Thumuluru, Guntur District, since the explanation putforth in support of her claim in the appeal petition is not convincing and punishment is confirmed.

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5. The Commissioner of Ayush, AP, Vijayawada shall take further action accordingly in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

M.T.KRISHNA BABU
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Dr.R.Archana, the then Medical Officer GAD Chavali I/c GAD Bhattiprolu present working as Medical Officer, Govt. Ayurvedic Dispensary, Thumuluru, Guntur District.
The Commissioner of Ayush, AP, Vijayawada.
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The OSD to Hon'ble M(HFW&ME).
The PS to Special Chief Secretary to Govt, HM&FW Department.
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